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SUBJECT: EGYPT-US BUSINESS COUNCIL MEETING: EGYPTIAN
SECTION ACTIVITIES IN U.S.

1. NEA/EGY HAS BEEN CALLED BY ROBERT BARNES OF THE
AMERICAN ARAB ASSOCIATION FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(AAACI) IN NEW YORK CONCERNING HIS PROBLEM IN COMMUNICATING
WITH THE EGYPTIAN SECTION ABOUT THEIR PLANS BEFORE OR AFTER
THE OCTOBER 11-12 BUSINESS COUNCIL MEETING IN WASHINGTON.

2. DURING A RECENT VISIT TO EGYPT, JOE YUSIF OF AAACI
SECURED EGYPT SECTION APPROVAL FOR A LUNCH TO BE GIVEN
THEM IN NEW YORK ON OCTOBER 19 BY THE AAACI. FINAL ARRANGE-
MENTS FOR THE LUNCH WERE TO BE CONFIRMED BY BARNES. BARNES
REPORTS THAT HE HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY RESPONSE TO HIS
MESSAGES. IN ADDITION AAACI HAS HEARD RUMORS OF EXTENSIVE
TRAVEL PLANS BY MEMBERS OF THE EGYPTIAN SECTION AFTER THE
WASHINGTON MEETING. HE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO CONFIRM SUCH
PLANS AND IS CONCERNED THAT ADEQUATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUCH
TRAVEL MAY BE LACKING.

3. FOR CAIRO: PLEASE CONTACT DR. ENG. AMED TEWFIK,
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DIRECTOR GENERAL FEDERATION OF EGYPTIAN INDUSTRIES, WITH

WHOM YUSIF SPOKE, AND REQUEST ANY INFORMATION HE MAY HAVE

RE EGYPTIAN PLANS FOR OCTOBER 19 LUNCH IN NEW YORK AND
TRAVEL DURING U.S. STAY.

4. FOR ALEXANDRIA: ASSUMING HE STILL IN ALEXANDRIA,
PLEASE CONTACT ENG AHMED M. EFFAT, CHAIRMAN, EGYPT-US
BUSINESS COUNCIL, AND REQUEST SAME INFO PARA 3, ABOVE.

5. FOR BOTH ADDRESSEES: IT WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL IF
EITHER TEWFIK OR EFFAT COULD PROVIDE US WITH NAMES OF
EGYPTIAN DELEGATION WHO WILL BE TRAVELING TO U.S. KISSINGER

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